UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

JOHN L. BARNES, : NO. 1:02-CV-00101

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Plaintiff, :

ORDER

v. :

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MICHAEL THOMAS,

:

Defendant.

The parties met before the Court on March 30, 2004, for a status conference in this matter. Plaintiff, who is representing himself <u>pro</u> <u>se</u>, was present by telephone.

The Court discussed this matter with the parties and has determined that discovery is complete, and factual issues exist precluding the filing of dispositive motions. This matter is therefore in a posture to proceed to trial. However, as Plaintiff expressed that he will be undergoing surgery within the next ten days, the Court finds it appropriate to briefly continue this matter so as to allow Plaintiff to adequately recover and prepare for trial. Accordingly, the Court CONTINUES this matter until 3:00 p.m. on May 27, 2004, at which time the Court SETS the Final Pretrial Conference. The Court further SCHEDULES the three-day jury trial to commence June 8, 2004.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 30, 2004 <u>s/S. Arthur Spiegel</u>

S. Arthur Spiegel

United States Senior District Judge